



Mississippi Labor Market

Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

September 2004

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

	Aug 04	Jul 04	Aug 03		Aug 04	Jul 04	Aug 03
	Preliminary	Revised	Revised		Preliminary	Revised	Revised
Total Nonfarm Employed	1,124.5	1119.7	1,115.6	Utilities	7.8	7.9	8.0
Natural Resources & Mining	8.9	8.7	8.7	Electric Power	5.4	5.4	5.5
Construction	51.2	51.0	51.9	Transportation & Warehousing	35.3	35.4	37.7
Manufacturing	180.6	180.3	175.7	Warehousing & Storage	7.6	7.6	8.2
Durable Goods	116.5	116.1	111.0	Information	14.5	14.6	14.9
Wood Products	13.0	13.1	13.1	Telecommunications	8.1	8.1	7.9
Sawmill- Wood Preservation	5.9	5.8	5.8	Finance & Insurance	34.5	34.7	34.0
Primary Metals	2.7	2.7	2.6	Credit Intermediation	21.6	21.5	21.0
Fabricated Metals	11.1	11.2	11.3	Depository Credit Intermediation	15.3	15.4	15.4
Machinery	11.7	11.5	11.9	Insurance Carriers	10.8	11.2	11.4
Ventilation - Heating - Air Condition	4.3	4.2	4.1	Real Estate & Rental	12.2	11.9	12.6
Computers - Electronics	3.1	3.0	2.9	Prof., Scient., Technical Services	30.7	30.5	28.9
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	8.8	9.0	8.8	Management of Companies	9.7	9.7	10.3
Electrical Equipment	3.6	3.7	4.0	Admin Spt & Waste Management	42.4	42.2	41.3
Transportation Equipment	27.9	27.6	24.6	Education Services	14.2	13.9	14.2
Motor Vehicle Parts	6.3	6.3	6.5	Health Care & Social Assistance	104.3	103.4	99.5
Ship & Boat Building	15.3	15.1	13.6	Hospitals	30.6	30.7	30.4
Furniture	28.6	28.6	26.9	Nursing & Resident Care	21.3	21.1	20.0
Nondurable Goods	64.1	64.2	64.7	Arts, Entertainment, Recreation	12.5	13.0	14.8
Food Products	28.3	28.4	27.7	Amusements , Gambling, Recreation	11.6	11.9	13.0
Animal Slaughtering	19.5	19.7	20.1	Gambling	5.7	5.8	6.2
Apparel	5.2	5.2	5.6	Accommodation & Food Services	113.2	112.9	110.7
Paper Products	5.5	5.4	5.7	Accommodation	38.5	38.5	38.0
Pulp, Paper, Paperboard	2.2	2.2	2.3	Food Services & Drinking	74.7	74.4	72.7
Converted Paper Products	3.3	3.2	3.4	Other Services (Private)	36.6	37.1	36.8
Chemicals	5.8	5.7	6.7	Repair & Maintenance	9.7	9.9	10.1
Plastics & Rubber	9.2	9.3	9.1	Government	241.0	238.8	241.7
Wholesale Trade	36.2	35.9	35.1	Federal	26.5	26.4	26.0
Retail Trade	138.7	137.8	138.8	State	59.9	59.7	62.9
Food & Beverage Stores	19.7	19.6	19.7	State Education	20.3	20.2	22.6
Grocery Stores	18.2	18.0	17.7	Local	154.6	152.7	152.8
General Merchandise	37.4	37.4	37.2	Local Education	81.2	78.5	80.7
Department Stores	10.6	10.5	10.1				
Other General Merchandise	26.8	26.9	27.1				

NOTE: All data expressed in thousands

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Hours and Earnings for Selected Industries

	Avg Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Aug 04	Jul 04	Aug 03	Aug 04	Jul 04	Aug 03	Aug 04	Jul 04	Aug 03
Manufacturing	\$540.96	\$515.73	\$517.37	40.4	39.1	40.2	\$13.39	\$13.19	\$12.87
Durable Goods	\$580.18	\$542.80	\$546.47	41.8	40.0	40.3	\$13.88	\$13.57	\$13.56
Wood Products	\$482.85	\$438.90	\$436.00	45.0	41.8	40.0	\$10.73	\$10.50	\$10.90
Fabricated Metals	\$561.25	\$535.27	\$591.61	40.7	39.3	41.4	\$13.79	\$13.62	\$14.29
Machinery	\$632.02	\$634.27	\$552.27	43.2	44.2	41.0	\$14.63	\$14.35	\$13.47
Furniture	\$486.82	\$453.01	\$465.03	40.4	38.1	37.9	\$12.05	\$11.89	\$12.27
Nondurable Goods	\$469.10	\$468.00	\$471.20	37.8	37.5	40.0	\$12.41	\$12.48	\$11.78
Food Products	\$389.94	\$389.71	\$384.24	38.8	38.7	39.9	\$10.05	\$10.07	\$9.63

Comments - Unadjusted Data

- ◆ Based on employer reports, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 4,800 from July and 8,900 from one year ago.
- ◆ Manufacturing showed an increase of 300 jobs over the month and 4,900 since August 2003.
- ◆ The largest monthly employment increase occurred in government with 2,200 more jobs than July. The increase can be attributed to the annual start of schools
- ◆ The civilian labor force declined with 26,600 less people than July. Unemployed individuals decreased 4,500 and employed individuals decreased 22,100 over the month.
- ◆ The August unemployment rate decreased two-tenths of one percentage point over the month.

U.S. Consumer Price Index - Base Year = 1982-84 = 100

Wage Earners & Clerical	Aug 04	Jul 04	Aug 03	Wage Earners & Clerical	Aug 04	Jul 04	Aug 03
All Items	185.0	184.9	180.3	Medical Care	311.0	310.4	297.4
Food & Beverages	186.9	186.8	180.2	Recreation / 1	106.1	106.3	105.7
Housing	186.6	186.2	181.6	Education & Communications / 1	109.9	109.4	109.1
Apparel	115.9	115.6	116.1	Other Goods & Services	313.5	313.2	308.0
Transportation	161.4	162.2	157.1	All Urban Consumers			
/ 1 Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base				All Items	189.5	189.4	184.6

Mississippi Labor Force

(Data based on Place of Residence - Expressed in Thousands)

Aug 04	Jul 04	Aug 03	Aug 04	Jul 04	Aug 03
Prelim.	Revised	Revised	Prelim.	Revised	Revised
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)			(Seasonally Adjusted)		

Labor Force	1,314.6	1,341.2	1,305.3	Labor Force	1,325.5	1,328.0	1,316.6
Unemployed	76.6	81.1	81.4	Unemployed	78.2	78.4	83.3
Rate	5.8%	6.0%	6.2%	Rate	5.9%	5.9%	6.3%
Employed	1,238.0	1,260.1	1,223.9	Employed	1,247.3	1,249.6	1,233.3

U.S. Rate	5.4	5.7	6.0	U.S. Rate	5.4	5.5	6.1
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